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- STUDENT COMMENTS -

1. (NE) I believe the course could be compressed into fewer hours, perhaps half days, for a week. If the course is to run full days, then there should be more practical exercises.
2. (NE) In processing a name check it is necessary to contact the area division which concerns the nationality of the person being traced, because, occasionally the area desk may have information on an individual which does not appear in RI traces. It is important to index the names of persons involved in the Communist Party, the Ba'th Party, military officers, intelligence agents, and individuals connected with any subversive activity.
3. (NE) I believe the course should be done in two groups. The first should be students who have had no experience and the second group should be only students who have done name tracing.
4. (EE) I found the course to be extremely useful in my line of work. (Ch, CI Sec of a Branch - supervising name checkers, not a name checker per se).
5. (EE) The course would have maximum value to someone who has had a minimum of previous name check experience. This experience would enable the individual to have a better grasp of the subject matter and the problems discussed. (Desk Officer in Branch)
6. (EE) The CS Name Check Course has aided me tremendously in my present position; I wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone engaged in CE activities.
7. (EE) Course should be shortened and made mandatory for all CTs.
8. (WH) If time permits, I would suggest that the students be active, rather than passive, participants in the name check procedure. In this way, each student would have the opportunity to become acquainted with all the available resources that Headquarters offers.
9. (WH) The course is probably the most valuable now being presented for desk CO's, since it goes far to break down the artificial barriers which prevent us from knowing what material is already available in CIA. However, the name should be changed. "Name Check" carries the undeserved connotation of a menial task given to the most junior officer, rather than the subtle and demanding work actually involved, and those who could most benefit from the course will go to considerable lengths to avoid it.

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10. (WE) I thought that the course was helpful as it was presented.
11. (WE) I suggest that the students be able to participate in doing the actual name checks.
12. (WE) Most beneficial to me was the section which dealt with other than RI indices (both within and outside the Agency) and the procedures for requesting information from other government agencies. (Desk Officer)
13. (FE) The course does an excellent job of alerting students to the various repositories of information, but I suggest that this aspect be condensed somewhat so that greater emphasis and practical experience can be placed on the actual mechanics of name tracing. (Records Officer)
14. (FE) Whenever a trace is conducted on individuals, companies, or organizations, the person initiating the check should never hesitate to seek guidance from his or her supervisor, the case officers, the staffs, and components outside DDP to make doubly sure that all avenues have been explored before an answer is sent to the requestor or a study is prepared.
15. (FE) I found this a very helpful introductory course of instruction in the basics of name tracing and also for a better understanding of the CS records system in general.
16. (FE) More time should be devoted to the practice name check exercise so the student can learn the basic mechanics of performing a name trace, i.e. what one does with the forms, the card reproductions, how and why one edits the cards, etc. In the course I took, this portion was presented last and was rushed through with the result that we had a lot of theory and philosophy, but still didn't know how to actually conduct a name trace.
17. (FE) More time should be devoted to the actual preparation of a name trace.
18. (CA) Continue to emphasize the necessity for consolidation as long as the file and the documents are in the hands of the tracer and have received evaluation. Emphasize the fact that with the constant review of old documents being reviewed for re-indexing never before done, that a tracer cannot depend upon a negative trace for any period of time. These reprocessed documents could add an entirely different conclusion to a trace. Each tracer evaluates a case in terms of circumstances at the time. A later tracer with a different set of circumstances for tracing the case may find information during the

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same period previously traced that would have significant bearing on most recent tracer's case.

Example: I recently turned up in an old retirement, three years of a man's life not previously recorded in his 201. It was the first three years of his defection. There was nothing exceptional in this period of time, however, it did complete the documentation on the individual and straighten out some misleading facts in the 201. Should a tracer depend on subsequent trace reports in this 201 without reading the file thoroughly from start to finish he would be missing the information later processed into the earliest part of the file. I find that my ability to help others in tracing is invaluable especially to the personnel doing infrequent tracing. They forget between cases all the details they are responsible for in fully preparing a trace for their needs as well as responsibilities to the constant improvement of the System.

19. (CA) Fewer lectures, more practical exercise and review, including tour of OCR. (Note: OCR was full of carpenters that day. We had to eliminate it.)
20. (WE) "Labor Omnia Vincit."
21. (AF) The course could be shortened. (pilot course student)
22. (AF) For the benefit of other-students, more emphasis could be placed on INPUT. Most students seem to feel that the exercise at the end is interesting, but that the management is "cheating" and being illogical in withholding key information which would have come to light earlier in the normal course of the trace procedure.
23. (AF) I thought the course was most beneficial due to the number of varied questions asked by the students and the answers given by the instructors.
24. (AF) The course could be somewhat shortened without decreasing its effectiveness.
25. (NE) If possible, I feel that in the exercise part of the course, it would be helpful to have several different name checks to do (maybe a bit shorter) but each of a different type.
26. (NE) I found the course most worthwhile for my purposes and would like to observe the presentation of the new Records Courses. (RMO)
27. (NE) I know the various offices of RID, but how they relate to each other and at what point and why, I feel, could be more easily explained with the inclusion of more visual aids.

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28. (SR) The material used in making the traces should be put in individual kits for the students rather than being handed out individually, which wastes time. Also, the length of the lectures could be reduced considerably and yet keep their full information content.
29. (SR) More time to understand (by examples) the usefulness of RID and OCR.
30. (NE) (A) Expand a little more on preparation of items listed in para 4a of this questionnaire (POA/OA, PCSA/CSA activities).

(B) Name derivations, spellings.
31. (NE) I believe more emphasis should be given to detailed and persistent follow-up of tracing. Use of auxiliary sources and contacting the area desks is often overlooked but all leads should be followed to insure thoroughness in the finished product. Consolidation and retention of material at hand should be stressed.
32. (NE) The course as presently given is much too long for a review course, two days would be sufficient for review training.
33. (SR) The CS Name Check course is very worthwhile.
34. (NE) It is an excellent course and should be a requirement for every officer.
35. (NE) To include in the course a written list of all places one may attempt in order to complete a name check.
36. (WH) The CS Name Check Course is a must for anyone in the Clandestine Services who is supporting field operations. There are still many individuals in CS who feel that name checking is just a routine matter with little significance - they couldn't be more wrong. Digging into those little dark corners for information on an individual, has, on many occasions, uncovered Sov/Bloc agents, provocateurs, etc. The importance of proper name checking on persons of operational interest, and their family members, cannot be overemphasized.

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